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[] Reports from "Forschungsdienst Osteuropa"

- REF: A. BEMA-742, dated 11 March 1957
B. BEMA-11687, dated 7 February 1957
C. BEMA-10343, dated 23 January 1957
D. BEMA-82199, dated 6 February 1957
E. BEMA-82455, dated 6 February 1957
F. BEMA-39004, dated 6 February 1957
G. BEMA-12183, dated 8 March 1957
H. BEMA-6768, dated 11 May 1956
I. BEMA-9323, dated 13 August 1956

1. Pursuant to Reference A, we are transmitting for your analysis and further dissemination one copy each of six reports recently received by [] from subject institute. [] made them available to us on 13 March.

- a. "Dr. Ferenc Mannich, a. St. Stellvertretender Ministerpräsident der VR Ungarn", dated 9 March 1957.
- b. "Aus der Praxis des Obersten Gerichtes der Bulgarischen Volksrepublik", dated 28 February 1957.
- c. "Rolle und Stellung des Anwaltes in der Bulgarischen Rechtsprechung", dated 1 March 1957.
- d. "Reorganisation bzw. Zusammenlegung und Umbenennung von Ministerien und Regierungsressorts in Bulgarien", dated 1 March 1957.
- e. "Personalveränderungen im Ministerrat in Bulgarien", dated 1 March 1957.
- f. "Verletzung der Rechte durch die Staatsorgane in der VR Bulgarien", dated 28 February 1957.

2. MCB and POB: In Reference D and F you have indicated an interest in receiving subject reports on a regular basis. In view of our duplicating problem here, we hope that one set will suffice for both Bases, which we are transmitting to MCB with the request that it be passed on to POB thereafter. We shall follow the same practice in all future transmittals of subject reports.

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3. FCB: In Reference G you have indicated an interest in receiving subject reports on a regular basis. However, in view of your proximity to COS, we presume that the copies transmitted to COS will also suffice for your needs.

4. COS/Reporters: Pursuant to Reference A, subject reports will be transmitted to you for analysis and further dissemination, including FCB per Paragraph 3 above.

5. BCB: Reference F indicated that you have no interest in subject reports. We shall, therefore, discontinue forwarding information copies of the transmittal dispatches.

6. EE: We shall attempt to elicit the information requested in Paragraph 2 of Reference A. Preliminarily, we wish to make the following comments:

a. It is ^{Prof. Gubert} our impression that the passage of subject reports is a natural result of the (von Mende/C) relationship described in References E and F, i.e., it is not so much a revival of this relationship as its continuation and the implementation of an agreement worked out in its early stages.

b. Since von Mende is at least a quasi-civil servant (according to Paragraph 10 of the attachment to Reference E, he falls under the famous Paragraph 131 as a "Regierungspräsident a. V."), we are inclined to believe that his initiative in establishing the contact with (C) and the passage to (C) of at least a portion of the reports received by subject institute, was motivated less by von Mende's desire to ensure his future in case of a CDU/CSU election victory than by his (von Mende's) involvement in the "Ständeburgsange fuer Ostfranken" (see the attachment to Reference E) and by his continuing association in subject institute, i.e., both activities pertain to problems within the European satellites of the USSR, a subject on which (C) is a recognized expert. It is not surprising, therefore, that von Mende should seek (C) counsel and cooperation.

c. We do not know this for sure but take it for granted that (C) passes to von Mende's office (or to him personally) copies of all (C) monthly SITREPs on the GDR, Poland, and the USSR. We feel quite certain, however, that (C) does not pass to von Mende any (C) new intelligence reports.

d. We are not sure that we can agree with the implication of Paragraph 2-b of Reference A. Insofar as we are aware, von Mende has not "pushed" these reports on to (C). Instead, we believe that von Mende, in attempting to establish a working relationship with (C), merely offered to make available to (C) copies of all or of some of the reports received by subject institute and that (C), who rarely turns down any offer designed to increase the (C) archives, accepted it.

e. Since we have not had the time to analyze the reports passed to (C) and, in turn, to us, we are not in a position to answer the substantive portion of Paragraph 2-b of Reference A. However, we shall try to establish this via (C).

f. In view of (C) request for information on von Mende (see Reference E), we doubt that (C) shall be able to tell us much, if anything,

about von Mante's multifarious intelligence activities. However, we shall give it a try.

6. With regard to Paragraph 1-b of Reference 4, please be advised that, in making subject reports available to us, ☐ make the specific request that this not become known outside FRGGM. We feel certain, therefore, that ☐ will not indicate to von Mante any OTHER interest in subject reports. On the other hand, ☐ being a free "agent" with respect to von Mante's reports, we do not feel in a position to specify to ☐ in what manner he should treat to subject reports or to von Mante personally.

7. We shall keep you advised of any significant developments in the ☐ von Mante relationship when there come to our attention. In the meantime, we shall continue to advise from ☐ copies of subject reports and to forward them in the manner described above.

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Enclosures: 8/8
as noted above

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